(a) whether the technical employees are being posted at non-technical posts in Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd for the last many years,

(b) if so, the reasons thereof,

(c) whether the Government propose to post persons having technical employees in technical posts and non-technical employees in non-technical posts only and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) and (b) Posts which are basically administrative in nature but also require technical knowledge for better effectiveness are being manned by technocrats having the required exposure in administration/administrative matters

(c) and (d) Deployment of employees is done on the basis of job requirement and it is not feasible to demarcate posts into technical and non-technical, especially at the higher levels

[*English*]

Allotment surrender of Telephones

1963 SHRI LOKANATH CHOUDHURY Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether various ministers/departments of the Central Government has surrendered 10 per cent of the telephone lines as per the directions issued by the Prime Minister in this regard,

(b) if so, what was the number of lines available to the communication department thereby and

(c) whether these lines have been allotted to the applicants registered for telephone connections, if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House

Modernisation of Bhilai Steel Plant

1964 KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state

(a) the steps taken for the modernisation of Bhilai Steel Plant in Madhya Pradesh,

(b) the amount earmarked therefor, and

(c) the details of the work done under the modernisation programme, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) Though there are some specific schemes proposed during the VIII Five Year Plan to be taken up in Bhilai Steel Plant, there is no comprehensive project for its modernisation

(b) and (c) Do not arise

[*Translation*]

National Power Transmission Corporation

1965 SHRI NITISH KUMAR Will the Minister of POWER AND NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have set up a separate Institute to curb the losses incurred due to power transmittance in the country,